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DRAFTED BY EA/K:EHURWITZ:KA  
APPROVED BY EA:RHOLBROOKE  
-----301543Z 081706 /45  
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 097154

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:PFOR, KS, US

SUBJECT:HOLBROOKE MEETING WITH KIM KYONG-WON

1. BLUE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER KIM KYONG-WON CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE APRIL 28. HOLBROOKE RAISED HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, POINTING OUT THAT TIME FOR QUIET EXCHANGES MAY BE RUNNING OUT AND THAT UNLESS PERCEPTIBLE STEPS TAKEN TOWARD IMPROVEMENT, USG WILL HAVE TO SPEAK OUT ON ISSUE. HOLBROOKE ASSERTED THAT U.S. CONCERN OVER THIS ISSUE WAS THAT OF FRIEND AND ALLY INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING OUR TRADITIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP.

2. KIM SAID U.S. INSISTENCE ON SHORT TERM IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS DID NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION LONGER RANGE STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP OR OF ROK SECURITY. MORE-OVER, OUR POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAD THE EFFECT OF ENCOURAGING THE DISSIDENTS. THIS WAS TRUE, KIM SAID, IN REGARD TO THE LETTER WHICH HOLBROOKE HAD SENT TO MRS. KIM TAE-CHUNG WHEN HE WAS IN SEOUL.

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3. HOLBROOKE SAID THAT HIS LETTER WAS BRIEF AND ENCOURAGED NO ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF MRS. KIM OR OTHER OPPOSITION FIGURES. HOLBROOKE THEN SHOWED KIM THE TEXT OF HIS LETTER TO MRS. KIM TAE-CHUNG.

4. IF ROKG MAKES ISSUE OUT OF LETTER IN SEOUL, EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND ALONG LINES PARA 3 ABOVE. TEXT OF LETTER

MAY ALSO BE SHOWN TO APPROPRIATE ROKG OFFICIALS.  
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